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City of the Dead.

From the Sau Francisco Chronicle The dim abode of the academy of sciences in Dupont street seidom presents such an enlivened appearance as is did last night, when a decidedly popmar gathering was present to hear the distinguished explorer, Prof. Cusming, lecture on the ruined city of Los Muer-

about nine months ago.
At the outset the explorer stated that it was through the kindness of Mrs. Hemeway and the bureau of ethnology of Boston that he was able to successfully pursue his explorations. In speak ing of how he had found the city of Los

Muertos he said: "I was on my way to find some of the ancestral towns of the Zuni, and expected to reach them about 200 miles from Salado. At one point my attention was called to a mound of rectangular shape in the desert, and round which were the exact art remains which I would have expected to find in New Mexico. I remarked at once on beholding it: 'Here are the remains of a town.' I set the men to work to dig a trench, and they had not proceeded two feet downward when they found the broken remains of a wall made of earth. On digging further I was rewarded with magnificent examples of ancient incinerary urus in fine preserv ation. That was the first of the town, and now we have uncovered that lina distance of three miles long and a mile

wide. The houses of the town below and around were built in huge blocks, separated by narrow, but in some instan ces very wide streets. The wide streets have traces of aqueducts, which show that they had in these far-back ages a magnificent system of irrigation. As to to the extent of the city, I may state that one of the blocks is nearly as large as Zuni, which is the largest town in New Mexico. Already thirty three blocks have been excavated, and I have no hes-itation in stating that Los Muertos at one time contained over 30,000 souls. As the excavations revealed day by day more of the town I was forced to the conclusion that its abandonment was due to earthquake disturbance, which in many instances had thrown down the walls, shattering them from below upwards, and in most cases causing them to open their four sides as though on hinges, and letting the roof fall dows, which the fire in the earth had set tire to, the case matting and cottonwood rafters, which were charred through, beng still in good preservation. It seems that the people in their hurry were not able to carry away anything. Articles of everyday use were found beneath these ruins, ancient jars, cooking uten-sils, axes with the handles decayed, and n some instances wearing apparel."

Prof. Cushing then went on to talk of the burial rites of these ancient dwellers. They had many chings, he said, in common with their descendants the Zunis. They had a double system of rites. A priest believed that through his direct connection with the gods and and ancestral spirits he has a power over his own soul and could separate it from the body at his will, while on the other hand the souls of the common people had to receive the aid of gods through his intercession before disintegration took place. Another curious fact observed in the burial ceremonies was that the vesleft entire, whereas those found in the graves of the common people were purposely broken. This arose from a belief that everything that made a noise had soul. A kettle on the fire boiling was believed to be the voice of a soul ing, and that when it broke-probably from heat-it was the noise of the departing spirit. The best proof of the great age of this town on the desert is that the paraphernalia used by the priesthood is the same as used by the priesthood of the bow. Plume sticks, cigarettes and cotton wrapping, with mystic knots tied round the cigarettes, are the same as used by the Zunis oi to-day. The rituals of these people are unvaried for centuries, and they go on in never-endings succession from generation to generstion. At the burial four priests form themselves into a square and the cigar-ette is lighted by the master priest, and the ritual is pronounced.

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The Library Magazine.

The issue for December 10th contains the following important articles:
The Catholic Revival of the Sixteenth Century, from the Quarterly Review.
Science and the Bishops, by Prof. T. H.
Huxley. The Theosophic Movement in
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In the matter of the Estate and Guardian-ship of John A. Mason, a minor.

It apperring to this court from the petition this day presented and filed by Auron Mi-son, guardian of the Estate of John A. Ma-son, a minor, wraying for an order of sr c son, a minor, praying for an order of sr'e of certain real estate belonging to his said ward, that it is necessary and wands be beneficial to said ward that such real estate be

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